

KEEP IT GOING TO KEEP PEACE

Henry Walker Believes the Federal Employment Agency Is Needed.

"The federal employment service is part of the official machinery of the government for the return of soldiers and war workers to peace industry, and it is time to go slow in discontinuing these forms of national service which tend to keep down the danger of Bolshevism by assisting during the transition from war to peace conditions the soldiers and workers who have borne the brunt of the war."—Congressman Galloway, of Massachusetts, speaking before the house of representatives.

"I consider the above as prophetic words of wisdom," said Henry M. Walker, of the local United States employment bureau. "The very fact that there does exist a great industrial unrest among the large surplus of unemployed labor and that more soldiers and sailors are being discharged daily, is another strong reason why the government agency should be continued to find jobs for these people."

"Again, the very fact that the El Paso office of the employment service has, in less than nine months, placed or secured employment for 8473 unskilled men, 494 women and 452 skilled men goes to prove beyond a question of doubt that that class of workers that have no agency whatever to extend assistance to them, the men of the class needing assistance the most, have been the ones that were the real beneficiaries of the government employment service."

"I consider it would be a serious mistake at this time for congress to fail to make provision for the continuance of the employment service, at least, while the demobilization and reconstruction periods exist in our country, because it is from the unskilled or unskilled laborers and the unemployed men and women who want to war, that will come the greatest danger of discontent."

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MORE SMELTER WORKERS QUIT

Total of 259 Have Walked Out at Garfield Plant; Operation Continues.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 24.—An additional 172 men employed at the Garfield smelter, of the American Smelting & Refining Co., quit their work today, it was officially announced by C. W. Whitley, manager of the plant. This brings the total of men who have walked out to 259, according to Mr. Whitley.

Everything is peaceful at Garfield and at Bingham, where the mines of the Utah Copper company are located, according to company officials and the sheriff. Those who have quit their work have left the scene. The Magna concentrator of the Utah Copper company will voluntarily close tomorrow, it was announced today.

Mr. Whitley announced today that every effort would be made to keep the Garfield smelter busy. Until sufficient men fall to appear for work, he said, the plant will not close. The men are striking in protest against the recent wage cut of 15 cents a day.

PIEZ SAYS NONE BUT UNION MEN HIRED IN SEATTLE YARDS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—In response to a resolution, asking the shipping board as to the employment policy in the shipyards at Seattle, Wash., having government contracts, director general Piez informed the senate today that only union men had been employed there because the Seattle yards were "closed shops" before the war.

"It is a fact," Mr. Piez wrote, "that in Seattle shipyards none but union men, or those having permits from the unions, were employed."

"It has been reported on good authority that the United States employment agency at Seattle was completely under domination of the union element and that it did not lend itself to the employment of any but union men."

Mr. Piez pointed out that president Wilson, on April 5 last, had proclaimed that the labor policy of the war labor conference board was to be followed in building industrial relationships during the war and that as a result the shipping board had adopted this policy. Under this plan, existing relationships between labor and capital at the start of the war were to be retained.

Campbell Can't Attend.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 24.—Governor Campbell, of Arizona, said that he regretted that pressure of business, with the legislature in session, would prevent him attending the white house conference March 2 to discuss industrial problems facing the nation.

The governor said, however, that he would endeavor to have a representative leave Phoenix to present Arizona's views at the conference.

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APPROVES BILL TO AID JOBLESS

Gompers Indorses Measure Providing For Federal and State Cooperation.

Paris, France, Feb. 24.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in behalf of the American labor delegation here, has cabled president Wilson, expressing approval of the Keeney bill appropriating \$100,000,000 for the cooperation of the federal government with the states in relieving unemployment. He urges that public building work be resumed immediately; that assistance be given private construction work and that shipbuilding be continued.

Mexican Railroad Strike Declared Still In Effect

Mexico is still a closed field as far as union locomotive engineers are concerned, it would appear from a letter from brotherhood headquarters received by engineers here who would like to return to Mexico. The wage strike began in 1912 in April. It is nearly nine years old, one of the longest, if not the longest strike on record. Grand chief engineer W. E. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers writes:

"The strike on the Mexican lines is still on but as soon as the wage question (in this country) has been settled and work sets down to normal, the chief executives expect to take up the Mexican engineer."

MEXICAN ENGINEER IS COMBATING BOLSHEVISM

Louis G. Roto, a Mexican engineer, who has been lecturing among the Mexican mine employees of Sonora, Chihuahua and Arizona, in an effort to guard them against Bolshevism and L. W. Wilson, is in El Paso to deliver a couple of lectures. He has not yet selected a place to speak, but will announce the location later. He has letters of commendation from mine managers and conservative labor leaders from various camps in the Southwest.

Governors Invited to Attend Labor Conference

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Invitation to attend a conference at the white house, March 2 and 4, to discuss "vital questions affecting business and labor," was telegraphed by secretary of labor Wilson to governors of all the states and mayors of more than 100 cities.

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TO FORM UNION IN LAS CRUCES

Alderman Griffith of El Paso To Address Gathering of Federal Employees.

Las Cruces, N. M., Feb. 24.—An effort will be made here tonight to organize a local federal employee union at a meeting to be held in the basement of the postoffice at 8 o'clock. T. W. Griffith, who is fourth vice president of the Federal Employees' union and is also an alderman in El Paso, will be present and address the meeting. Persons eligible for membership in this organization are those who receive pay for their service direct from the government.

It is expected that one of the presidents of the Postal Employees' union and also another union official will speak.

WILL STOP "PAMPERING SHIP YARDS AND CODDLING MEN"

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Labor agreements between shipyard operators and employees made by the shipbuilding board's adjustment commission during the war are expiring March 31 and will be superseded by a system designed to "stop pampering the yards and coddling the men," Charles Piez, director general of the emergency fleet corporation, said. The government does not intend, he added, to yield to any of the demands for increases in pay over war time scales, which have been the cause of strikes in Seattle and San Francisco, and threaten a strike at Hog Island.

"I have told the boys that an end comes to every pie," said director Piez, "and that the last piece is on the plate now. Any increases in ship construction costs from now on will be met by the cancellation of ship contracts."

MINE OPERATORS WILL HOLD CONFERENCE WITH GOVERNOR

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 24.—Gov. O. A. Larrazolo has issued a call to all mine operators of the state for a conference to be held Monday, March 3, in his office. The announced purpose is to lay the present mine law situation before them, and "urge correction of manifest inequalities, so that mine owners may see that it is their patriotic duty to bear their due proportion of the public burden."

Gov. Larrazolo announced this morning he will make all appointments that are yet unfilled before the end of the week, headed by the cattle and sheep-raising boards of the state. An all afternoon session was held Tuesday with members of the Republican state executive committee, conferring on the state. No names were made public.

WORK ON INTERNATIONAL LABOR LEGISLATION ENDING

Paris, France, Feb. 24.—The peace conference commission on international labor legislation expects to complete the constitution for an international labor bureau by Friday.

The conference, which has been in session since last September, has been numerous conflicting views to harmonize. The British proposals as a whole have been accepted. There still remain some matters more or less extraneous to the constitution of the bureau, such as the question of insurance, but these will be taken up later. There is a general feeling of satisfaction apparent among labor leaders at the progress made by the commission.

PLUMBERS WITHDRAW FROM PHOENIX TRADES COUNCIL

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 24.—The plumbers' union has withdrawn from the Phoenix trades council, according to an announcement of its officers. The plumbers' officers say they are not in sympathy with the union directing the trades council, which they claim has counteracted the organization known as the council of workers, soldiers and sailors. This latter body has been denounced by the returned service men in the Army and Navy club, while the Phoenix local of the typographical union has instructed its delegates to the trades council to refuse to have any dealings with the so-called council of workers, soldiers and sailors until it expels all members of the L. W. U.

MAY VOTE ON PLAN TO CALL OFF STRIKE IN SHIP YARDS

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 24.—Forty thousand striking shipyard workers will vote on a referendum proposing to call off the strikes in Seattle, Tacoma, Aberdeen and Anacortes that began January 21, if assurances are given that a conference to adjust wage demands scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., is transferred to the Pacific coast.

WHITE'S ANSWER TO JENKINS.

Having three dependents, the draft board, in class 4 "A," I made several applications to join the U. S. Army, making my first application five months after the war began. I have copies of the applications and answers from the government. You are welcome to see them any time. The cavalry corps related me a story of physical disability. I refer you to Frank Pickrell, now in El Paso.

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